

Parks, Libraries & Cultural Assets Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 27, 2008
4:15 p.m.
Third Floor, City Hall

Present:
Chair: CM Engel
Vice Chair: CW Welch
Members: CM Stuckel, CW Ward-Pugh & CM Henderson

Chairman Engel began the meeting by introducing the members of the committee that were present.
A quorum was established.

THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING.

Special Items For Discussion

1- Craig Buthod Director of Louisville Free Public Library - Providing an Update on the Library Plan

CM Engel introduced Craig Buthod, Director of the Louisville Free Public Libraries. (Update of the Library Master Facilities Plan.)

Mr. Buthod gave an overview on the differences between libraries of the past and the libraries of today & the future. The following was discussed:

- 21st Century Library Vision
- Providing information, education & literacy
- Books to check out & take home for the support of school research & projects
- More services requested of the 21st century Library
- Delivering the content/information of the Library System to where the people are, whether than them going to the Library
- Libraries are seen as an academic institution
- Community engaged operations
 - Serve through other groups and institutions
- Aggressively seeking schools educational demands
- How valuable the resources are within the libraries
- Goals in setting the Master Facilities Plan - challenges, space & collection size by KY Statute
 - Guiding principles - matching libraries to surrounding neighborhood needs
 - Expanding, along with building new;
 - Preserve & expand older buildings
 - Expand infrastructure
 - Cannot build what cannot afforded to operate
 - Assume change - future flexibility
 - Fitting diverse reading preferences
 - Immediate neighborhood needs
- Industry shifts within the Library system, including technology
- Inventorying all libraries
- Visited library systems in New York, Utah, California
- Focused on Newburg Neighborhood improvement of libraries
- Dec 31st to have in place the Library Master Facilities Plan
- Library commission seeking private sector donations
- Regional Libraries idea are still within the plan and will aid in meeting the State Standards
- Improving existing libraries vs. building Regional Libraries
- Southwest Library rent/possible move to relocate and be in a prime space in Southwest Jefferson County
- Cost estimates in Master Plan for expansion & building, including a time table
 - Return in December to review the Plan

- Services being provided at Middletown
- Library mobility
- Viable space utilization
- Proper placement of public dollars
- Private funds vs. public funds

In conclusion, the Libraries are in the top 10 priorities for governmental function.

Motion to Adjourn made by Glen Stuckel and seconded by Vicki Welch
Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:00PM
KLP